IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-188 cancelled.

Claim 189 (original) Apparatus for measuring mechanical deformation, comprising:

a housing;

a base electrode; and

a deformable electrode, mechanically coupled to the base electrode and to the housing, the base electrode and the deformable electrode defining a capacitor having capacitance, such that the capacitance is varied responsive to deformation of the deformable electrode.

190. (original) Apparatus according to claim 189, wherein a portion of the base electrode is adapted to be at a substantially fixed distance from a portion of the deformable electrode.

191. (original) Apparatus according to claim 189, wherein the deformable electrode is adapted to be coupled to a user, so as to deform responsive to respiration of user.

192. (original) Apparatus according to claim 189, and comprising a member, mechanically coupled to the deformable electrode, such that movement of the member deforms the deformable electrode and varies the capacitance.

193. (original) Apparatus according to claim 192, and comprising a belt, adapted to be placed around a torso of a user and to cause movement of the member responsive to a change in circumference of the torso.

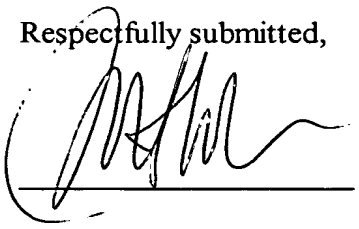
194. (original) Apparatus according to claim 192, wherein the member is adapted to be in physical contact with the deformable electrode.

Claims 195 - 287 (cancelled).

288. (original) A method for measuring mechanical deformation, comprising mechanically coupling a base electrode to a deformable electrode, the base electrode and the deformable electrode defining a capacitor having capacitance, such that the capacitance is varied responsive to deformation of the deformable electrode.

Claims 289 - 294 (cancelled).

Respectfully submitted,



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